

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed on October 3, 2005. Claims 1-42 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-5, 7-18, 20, 21, 23-30, 33-35, and 38-42 are rejected in this Office Action. Claims 6, 19, 22, 31, 32, 36, and 37 are objected to. Claims 1, 17, 22, 30, 32 and 35 have been amended. Claims 5, 6, 19, 31, 36, 37, and 42 have been cancelled. New Claims 43 and 44 have been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Claims 6, 19, 22, 31, 32, 36, and 37 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten in independent form Claims 6, 19, 31, 32, 36 and 37 as Claims 1, 17, 30, 43, 35, and 44 respectively. Applicants respectfully submit these claims are allowable, as are all claims depending therefrom. Favorable action is requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-18, 20, 21, 23-28, 30, 33-35, and 38-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,044,107 to Gatherer, et al. ("*Gatherer*"). Claims 1-5, 11, 12, 14, 17, 29, 30, 35, and 38-42 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,192,109 to Amrany, et al. ("*Amrany*"). The rewriting in independent form of certain claims described above renders the rejection of these claims moot. Favorable action is requested.

CONCLUSION

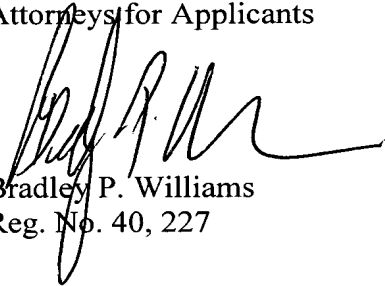
Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending Claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, please feel free to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$200.00 fee as well as any other required fee or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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